

MANCHESTER, N. H.

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REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN



The Town of Chester, N. H.,

FOR

1850---51.

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ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849, Paid town of Windham for
board of Sally Whorf, \$1,00

D. & A. A. Messer's Bill.

1850, Mar. 4, 15½ lbs. Sole Leather, a 20c. 3,05
10½ feet Pat. Leather, 14c. 1,47 4,52

Robert Shirley's Bill.

1848, March 22, 21 lbs. Beef, 1,47
May 3, 18 lbs. Beef, ,90 2,37

Wm. P. Underhill's Bill.

1849, May 4, 6 bush. Barley, a 5s. 5,00

John W. West's Bill.

1849, May 12, Cash paid for Chloride of Lime, 1,25
1850, Sept. 10, ½ bunch Shingles ,63
19, 24 lbs. Beef, a 4c. ,96
Dec. 25, 1 Shoate weighing
ing 120 lbs. a 5½c. 6,60
Stock for 2 prs Boots, 4,00

13,44
Cr. by fitting 50 pr Boots, 8,34 5,10
(By Joshua Little,) one pair
new Boots now on hand.

Jacob Chase's Bill.

1850, Nov. 1 Ox Yoke, ,75

Moses Hall's Bill.

1850, Feb. 21, Lime and Brick, ,75
1 day setting boiler, ,75 1,50

Amos Green, 2d, Bill.

1851, Jan. 8, 6½ bushels Rye, 6,50
6 bbls. Apples, 3,00
use of winnowing
mill, ,20 9,70

Jacob Green's Bill.

1850, May 13, 2098 lbs. Hay, at 55
per cwt. 11,54
16, 2 bush. white Beans 8,50
June 1, 4 bush. Liv. Salt, 1,72 16,76

Porter & Heath's Bill.

1851, June 20, lot down Wood, 2,25

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

1851, Jan. 29, Cash paid for 56 lbs. of
Beef, a 4½c. 2,52

Chas. S. Willcomb's Bill.

1850, Oct. 7, Hooping Cider Bbls. ,36
22, do. ap. sauce do. ,75
Repairing But. Tub, ,25
12 lbs. Fish, ,30 1,66

John Haselton's Bill.

1850, May 14, 10 bush. Potatoes, 2,80
a 28c. 1,00
Dec. 24, 24 lbs Flour, ,18
2 " Sugar, ,20
¼ " Tea, ,11 4,29
1 " Coffee, ,11

James M. Kent's Bill.

1850, March 4, Shoeing Horse, ,30

Samuel Kendall's Bill.

1850, May 2, 12 bund. Eng. Hay, 6,00
5, 40 galls. Cider, 2,50
June 13, 1 Horse Collar, 1,00
Nov. 18, ½ bush. Onions, ,33
Use of Cultivator, ,50

10,33
1851, Jan. 15, by Cash, 1,13 9,30

Richard B. Morse's Bill.

1850, April 8, Sharp'ing Plow, ,33
12, Shoeing Oxen, (one
shoe new) ,56
19, Shoeing Horse, (one
new shoe) ,50
26, Repairing Plow, ,12
May 16, do Wagon, ,17
Aug. 15, Shoeing Horse, ,33
Sept. 26, Repairing Iron
Wedges, ,14
Oct. 22, Setting axle tree and
tire, 1,21
Shoeing Horse, ,75
Setting cart tyre, &c. ,90
Nov. 7, Shoeing Oxen, ,50
Dec. 9, do Horse, ,40
10, do Oxen, ,84
26, 1 bolt in Sleigh, ,10 6,85

Robert Shirley's Bill.

1850, July 3, 20 lbs. Veal, a 7c. 1,40
20, 12 lbs. Lamb, a 7½c. ,90
Sept. 25, 14 lbs. Soap grease, ,42
Oct. 7, 19 lbs. Beef, a 5c. ,95
22, 25 " do " 1,25
31, 12 " do " ,60

Nov. 6, 17 lbs. Beef, a 5c.	,85	
19, 16 " do "	,80	
12 " do a4½c.	,54	
27, 1 Cow,	20,00	27,71

Bell & Learnard's Bill.

1850, May 15, 18½ lbs. Veal, a4c.	,74	
21, 8½ " do. and head		
and pluck,	,56	
30, 15½ lbs. Veal,	,62	
4 Rennets,	,40	
July 9, 8 lbs. Beef,	,40	
23, 21 " do	,84	
30, 14 " do	,70	
Aug. 6, 18 " do	1,08	
13, 14 " do	,84	
19, 15½ " do	,85	
26, 16 " do	,80	
Sept. 2, 8½ " do	,47	
9, 12 " do	,60	
13, 35 " do	1,75	
31, 14½ " do	,75	

11,40

Cr. by Cash \$2 in part for		
calf,	2,00	9,40

Thomas J. Melvin's Bill.

1850, March 29, 2 wool Hats,	1,50	
2 lbs. Coffee,	,30	
May 2, 1 bush. red-top Seed,	,84	
30, 1 Tin Pail,	,33	
July 11, ½ bush. Rye,	,50	
13, 14 lbs. Ms. Sugar,	1,00	
23, 120 Biscuit,	,50	
31, 6 yds. Sheetting,	,54	
Aug. 1, ½ bush Salt,	,33	
½ lb. Copperas,	,4	
24, 85 Biscuit,	,37	
30, 1 bbl. Flour,	6,50	
Sept. 23, 4 lbs. Nails,	,20	
Nov. 18, 4 oz. Paregoric 16, 4		
lbs. Nails, 20c.	,33	
Dec. 21, 2 balls Wicking,	,16	
Paper Tacks,	,10	
1851, Feb. 1, 2 Chambers 25, 1 pt		
Alcohol 12,	,37	

13,99

Aug. 24, Cr. by 3 doz. eggs,	,37	13,62
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John W. Noyes' Bill.

1850, Feb. 21, 1 bbl. Flour,	6,50	
2 bush. Meal,	1,75	
4 lbs. Sugar,	,28	
2 " Sou Tea,	,75	
1 " Y. H. "	,50	
26, 4 galls. Molasses,	1,12	
1 ½ gall. Jug,	,63	
27, 42 yds. Sheetting, a9,	3,78	
March 4, 1 qt. Camphor,	,34	
1 Broom,	,25	
8, 2 lbs. Saleratus,	,16	
2 lbs. Nails,	,9	
3 " Tobacco,	,50	
9, 2 bush. Corn,	1,84	
16, 2 " do.	1,50	
21, 2 lbs. Coffee 28, 2 lbs.		
Sugar 16,	,44	
26, 2 bush. Rye Meal,	1,80	
April 1, 2 bush. Meal,	1,58	
12½ lbs. Fish,	,44	
4 lbs. Sugar 28, 1 lb.		
Tobacco 17c.	,45	
3, 2 yel. Chambers 50, 1		
oz. Thread, 10,	,60	
1 Pail 20, 1 Broom 25,	,45	
2 Dippers 12c., 1 gall.		

Molasses 25,	,37
8, 2 lbs. Coffee,	,25

13, 1 lb. Tea 46, 4 lbs. Co-	
coa, 50c.	,96

1 lb. Pepper, 13, ¼ lb	
Snuff, 8c.	,21

6½ lbs. Fish 23, 6 lbs	
Tobacco 1,00,	1,23

8 lbs. Coffee,	1,00
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17, 16 galls. Molasses a24,	3,84
1 steel Hoe,	,62

22, 40 Crackers 17, 1 bot.	
A. Bitters 25,	,42

25, 1 Cheese Tub 84, 4½	
yds Sheetting 31,	1,15

¾ yd Lace and 1½ yds	
Ribbon,	,25

1 lb. grafting Cement,	,20
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3 cakes Soap,	,24
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26, 2 bush. Oats,	1,00
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1 box Unguinitum,	,12
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1 pt Sp. Turpentine,	,8
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May 7, 3 bush. Oats,	1,50
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15, 1 yd. strainer cloth	,38
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22, 1 qt Oil,	,25
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June 12, 1 bush. Salt,	,50
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15, 6 lbs. Tobacco,	1,00
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4 " Nails,	,18
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21, 60 Crackers,	,25
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July 4, 1 Scythe	1,00
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2 Rifles	,18
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3 Rakes,	,80
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11, 1 large Rake	1,00
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Aug. 12, 1 bush Salt,	,50
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16, 3 lbs. Nails,	,14
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22, 6 bush. Meal	4,80
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52½ lbs. Pork,	5,25
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26, 6 lbs. Nails,	,27
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30, 6 lbs. Tobacco,	1,00
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1 doz. Thread,	,10
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2 bush. Rye Meal,	1,68
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Sept. 30, 1 Lantern,	,75
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1 oz. Indigo,	,10
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1 Basket,	,34
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Oct. 5, 2 bush Meal,	1,00
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7½ lbs. Fish,	,23
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11, 1 Cook Stove,	26,00
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18, 20 lbs. Pork,	2,00
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5 qts Molasses,	,38
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21, 1 box Pills,	,25
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1 pt H. Gin,	,25
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1 bottle Cough Drops,	,25
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29, 1½ lbs. cotton Yarn,	,38
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1½ bush Salt,	,63
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Nov. 2, ½ pt Medicine,	,20
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7, 2 lbs. Saleratus,	,16
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1 paper stove Polish,	,8
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1 pr Shoes,	,50
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1 sett Ox balls,	,25
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22, 1 bbl. Flour,	6,25
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2 lbs. Putty,	,16
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2 lbs. Raisins,	,25
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½ lb. Pimento,	,12
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½ lb. Cloves,	,10
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Dec. 6, 1 Cap for Mr. Berry,	,84
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½ lb. Saltpetre,	,6
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1 Almanac,	,5
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Jan. 9, 1 gall. Oil,	1,00
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27, ½ pt Paregoric,	,17
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101,74

1850, Sept. 23, Cr. by 105 Cart	
Spokes, 4,37	

1851, Jan. 4, by 330 lbs. old	
Iron, 248	5,85

94,89 64, .

R. M. BAILEY'S BILL.

1850, April 17,	6½ lbs. O. H. Tea,	27½	1,79
	25 lbs. B. H. Sugar,	6¼,	1,69
	4 lbs. Tea,	2-3	1,50
27,	1½ bush. H. G. Seed,	3,50,	5,25
	16 lbs. Clover	"	2,00
	4 bags Fine Salt,		,60
	6 lbs. Saleratus	35, ½ lb. Allspice	10,
	¼ lb. Nutmegs	36, ¼ lb. Snuff	6,
			,42
May 2,	2 bush. Red-top Seed and bag,		1,17
June 21,	1 bbl. Flour,		6,50
	11 lbs. Coffee		1,00
	6 lbs. Soap	42, 1 lb. Ginger	12,
			,54
July 1,	23 lbs. Flour,		,82
29,	2 bags Meal,		3,06
	1 bush. Rye,		1,50
Oct. 7,	9 lbs. Coffee	1,00, 20 lbs. Sugar	1,50.
25,	2 bags Corn,		2,50
	20 galls. Molasses,		3,30
	27 lbs. Fish,		6,00
	28 " do.		1,35
			,98
Nov. 12,	3 bags Meal,		4,74
	2 lbs. Tobacco,		,50
Dec. 9,	8 lbs. do.		2,00
June 1,	10 lbs. Coffee,		,90
	5 yds. Crash	37, 4 oz. Thread	32,
			,69
	10 skeins Cotton,		,5
	500 lbs. Plaster,		1,75
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			52,47

June 24, Cr. by Cash,

3,00

1, " "

3,39

46,08

DR. JACOB P. WHITEMORE'S BILL.

1849, March 22,	To visit, medicine and dressing foot for		
	Henry Farewell,		,75
	23d to 31st inclusive, 1 visit. medicine and dressing foot each day,		6,75
April 2 & 3,	2 visits, med. and dressing foot, ea. day		1,50
5, 6, 9, 11, 14 & 15,	6 vis. " " " "		4,50
17 to 27 in.,	11 " " " "		8,25
29 & 30	2 " " " "		1,50
May 1, 2, and 3,	3 " " " "		2,25
5, 7, 8 and 10,	4 " " " "		3,00
12, 13 & 14,	3 " " " "		2,25
16 & 23	2 " " " "		1,50
			32,25

JAMES T. KENDALL'S BILL.

1850, May 16,	4½ bush. Barley of N. F. Emerson,	3,75
	1 " Oats,	,50
June 6,	Paid H. Kowe for fish,	,25
12,	" " "	,59
25,	" Porter & Heath for lot Slabs,	1,50
July 2,	" Kimball & Hazelton, 7 qts Oil,	1,31
11,	" Higley & Prescott for carding wool,	,89

Oct. 7,	"	C. B. Hall for $\frac{1}{2}$ cart load Pumpkins,	.50
6,	"	M. Junkins for $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Crackers,	1,37
11,	"	Simpson & Co. 3 lbs. Tea, a 45,	1,35
"	"	" 1 bag Corn,	1,50
"	"	" 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Pork, 7c,	.94
Aug. 5,	"	Nath'l Brown, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ galls. Vinegar,	1,13
"	"	" $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. Potatoes,	.12
Oct. 18,		Paid Benj. Wilson for use of cider Mill.	.48
April 1,		1 gall. Mellasses,	.32
3,		Cash paid for filing Saws,	.20
5,		$\frac{1}{4}$ gross Matches,	.16
		Paid Moses Hall for Joist,	.16
15,		18 lbs. Ham, a 10c.	1,80
		4 bush. Corn, a 92c.	3.68
		1 " Rye,	1.00
		$\frac{1}{2}$ " Seed Corn,	.50
18,		34 lbs. Corned Beef, 4c.	1,36
23,		Paid Henry A. Hall for use of Saw,	.10
26,		142 lbs. Pork, a 10c.	14,20
		Paid Joseph Morse, 2 bush. Oats,	1,00
		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. Potatoes,	1,17
		1 qt early Peas,	.10
May 6,		Paid Stephen Clay for 4 galls. Vinegar.	.72
"		20 lbs. Fish,	.40
"		J. Dunaven for $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. Onions,	.20
"		for weighing Hay,	.25
"		John Hazelton for 2 qts Alcohol,	.25
June 1,	"	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Halibut,	.33
4,	"	7 papers Garden Seeds,	.28
"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Salts 6, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Sulphur 6.	.12
7,	"	1 bush. Potatoes,	.34
10,	"	7 yds. Drilling, 7c.	.49
13,	"	80 Shad, 6c.	4,80
"	"	Expenses to get Shad,	1,50
15,	"	2 bush. Potatoes,	.67
25,	"	6 Spoons,	.24
"	"	1 Coffee Pot,	.13
27,	"	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. Potatoes 30c.	2,55
28,	"	Messer for 1 pt Neats foot Oil,	.20
"	"	" 10 lbs. Lime,	.8
July 20,	"	S. Kendall for Fork handle and Tur. seed	.25
Aug. 4,	"	J. M. Kent for mending Stove, &c.	.25
Sept. 14,	"	for Crackers,	1,00
"	"	for ball Twine,	.13
Nov. 30,	"	J. W. Nyes for $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Pepper,	.8
1851, Feb. 12,	"	Moses Webster for cart Axle,	.42
19,	"	Hazen Mills for 13 lbs. Fish,	.33
Myself and wife's services as Superintendents at the Alms House from April 1, 1850, to April 1, 1851,			180,00
1850, Nov. 16,		Paid R. Stevens, for 25 lbs. Fish,	.75
"		John Hall, cart full Pumpkins,	1,50 240,19
			<hr/> \$537,91

April 18,	Cr. by Cash of D. Bell for Calf,	3,60	
May 6,	" " " in part for Calf,	1,25	
June 28,	" " John Messer "	4,50	
	" " Reuben Stevens for butter, &c.	9,29	
1851, Feb. 19,	" " Henry West, for labor,	1,82	
Jan. 17,	" " D. Shaw, jr. for pasturing,	3,00	
1850, Nov. 27,	" " D. & A. A. Messer for hide,	2,38	
Oct. 11,	" " 501 lbs. Squashes sold,	5,01	
1851, Feb.	" " Town of Auburn for board of Paupers,	162,25	
	" " the County of Rockingham,	58,50	
	" " Refunded by Dr. Whitte- more, (ac't cut down by Jgs.)	12,25	
	" " Drawn from Treasury, to balance,	274,06	
			<u>\$537,91</u>

Average number of paupers at the Alms House during the year 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Present number 11. 3 belonging to the town of Auburn.

The stock on the farm consists of 1 Horse, 1 yoke Oxen, 4 Cows, 8 Sheep and 1 Shoate. Two tons English Hay, more than will be consumed before pasturing.

Provisions—52 lbs. Butter, 73 lbs. Cheese, 45 lbs. Lard, 66 lbs. dried Apples, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Apple Sauce, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Pickles, $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Shad, 1 bbl. clear Pork, 1 bbl. Beef, 84 lbs. Ham, 56 bush. ears Corn, 80 bush. Potatoes, 6 bush. Turnips, 2 bush. Beets, 2 brls. Cider, 1 bbl. Vinegar, 2 bbls. Apples, 2 bush. Rye, 13 bush. Oats, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. white Beans, 1 bush. col'd Beans, 13 lbs. Rice, 9 galls. Molasses, and 100 Crackers.

Improvements on the Town Farm, have been made by drawing stone heaps from the fields, building wall, and grafting and pruning the apple trees.

The following is a list of the inmates now in the Alms House, and their age:

David Norton 71 years, Jonathan Berry 77 yrs, Stephen Worthen 64 years, Joshua Little 60 yrs, Jewet Burrill age not known, Nelson Hills 33 yrs, Dolly Gross 62 yrs, Betsy M. Rollins 70 yrs, Abigail Lane 43 yrs, Abigail Bryant 27 years, Sally Whorf 62 yrs. Joshua Little is a County Pauper, and Stephen Worthen, Betsy M. Rollins, and Sally Whorf, are Auburn paupers.

Expenses of the Poor off the Town Farm.

EDWIN HAZELTON'S BILL.

1850, Dec. 24,	4 feet Wood,	\$1,25	
1851, Jan. 11,	3 " do	.75	
18, 6	" do	2,25	
4 "	" do Pine,	1,00	
Feb. 12,	1 cord do Hemlock,	2,50	
3 feet	do Hard,	1,13	8,88
	Delivered Joseph Carr.		

JACOB CHASE'S BILL.

1851, Jan. 1 cord hard Wood for Mrs. Blaisdel, 3,00

TOWN OF LOUDON'S BILL.

1850, Sept. 17: Supplies furnished T. W. Blaisdel. 5,00

AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.

1851, Jan. 1, $\frac{1}{4}$ bush. Rye, and $\frac{1}{4}$ bush. Corn for J. Carr, ,50

JONATHAN DEARBORN'S BILL.

To boarding Sherburn Dearborn from March 12, 1850,
to April 1, 1850, at the rate of \$25 per year, 1,50

JOHN W. NOYES' BILL, for David Seavey's family.

1850, March 14, 28 lbs. Flour 1,00, 60 Crackers 25, 1,25
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 13, 2 lbs. Sugar 16, ,29
 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Butter, ,38
 16, 10 lbs. Pork 1,00
 30, Medicines, ,17
 April 12, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Peruv. Bark 17, 40 Crackers 17, 34
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 13, 1 pt Medicine 34, ,47
 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Pork, ,53 4,43

HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL, for Enoch Church's family.

1851, Jan. 29, 1 bush. Potatoes 50, $\frac{1}{4}$ bush. I. Meal 25, ,75

DR. JACOB P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850, March 17, Visit and medicine for D. Seavey's wife, 1,00
 19, " " " " 1,00
 25, " " " " 1,00
 26, " " " " 1,00
 27 " " " " 1,00
 1 Abdominal Supporter, 4,50
 30, Visit and medicine, 1,00 10,50

DR. JACOB P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850, Dec. 25, To services rendered John West, 5,00
 It was thought better to pay this bill than to find his residence.

JOHN W. NOYES' BILL.

1850, Feb. 6, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Pork for Mrs. Bagley, ,55
 25, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Pork " " ,35
 5 lbs. Rice " " ,25 1,15

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1850, Jan. 12, 28 lbs. Flour 1,00, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 13, 1,13
 2 lbs. Sugar 18, 4 lbs. Butter 67, ,85
 1 doz. Biscuit, ,17
 24, 6 yds. Sheetting and Cotton, ,50
 Feb. 16, 3 lbs. Cheese 30, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 13, ,43
 2 qts Molasses, ,15
 21, $\frac{3}{4}$ dozen Biscuit, ,13
 1 Chamber 12, 1 lb. Candles 13, 25 3,61
 Delivered Mrs. Bagley.

ALFRED S. DEARBORN'S BILL.

1850, Jan. Articles furnished Mrs. Bagley, 1,20

DR. JACOB P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850, Jan. 10, 12, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31, 8 Visits to Polly Bagley, 8,00
 Feb. 4, 7, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 27, 9 do. do. 9,00

March 1 and 5, 2 visits to Polly Bagley's	2,00	
Sept. 21, Visit and setting Polly Bagley's arm,	2,00	
22, 24, 26, 28 & 30, 5 visits do do	5,00	
Oct. 1, 4, 7, 10 & 14, 5 Visits do do	5,00	31,00

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1850, Sundry goods furnished Enoch Church, as per bill, from Dec. 14, 1850 to Feb. 11, 1851, by order of the Selectmen,	13,94
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\$90,46

Note.—Church is a County pauper, and Chester would have received pay from the County had there not been an informality in the affidavit which was received from the town clerk of Goffstown. His wife and children evidently belong to Haverhill, N. H., consequently Chester will receive the amount thus paid from the County, and from the town of Haverhill.

Award to Land Holders.

OSGOOD TRUE'S BILL.

1850, Land taken for a new highway in 1847, on petition of John Moor and others, Paid agreeably to vote of town.	58,98
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Improvement on Highways and Bridges.

AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.

1850, Nov. 15, 35 feet Chestnut Plank,	,35
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D. C. & H. W. FRENCH'S BILL.

1850, Sept. 2, 4 & 5, 5½ days work on bridge near R. Sanborn's,	5,50	
1 yoke Oxen 3 days, 75c.	2,25	
14, 1 day's work near Stockman's hill,	,83	
1 yoke Oxen ½ day " "	,42	
1840, Aug. 1 day's work and Oxen ½ day to draw plank,	1,25	10,25

RUFUS SANBORN'S BILL.

1850, Sept. 13, 338 feet Plank,	3,38	
Hauling the same to bridge,	,50	
Repairing culvert near M. Lane's,	1,50	
Hauling plank and repairing bridge,	,60	
Oct. 150 feet Plank,	1,50	
25, Hauling plank and repairing bridge,	,42	11,98

JOHN & TRUE T. LOCKE'S BILL.

1850, Nov. 1, 417 feet Oak Plank,	8,34	
½ days work,	,50	8,84

WM. P. W. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850,	Building Bridge on Wood's Road,	4,17	
	Covering Stone for 2 bridges,	4,00	8,17

NATH'L SLEEPER'S BILL.

1850, Nov. 29,	18 hours work on highway in Dis. 4,		1,80
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LEWIS SANBORN'S BILL.

1849, June 16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road near E. Sanborn's,		,42
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GEO. MARDEN'S BILL.

1850, May 30,	170 feet Oak Plank,	2,55	
	Drawing and putting them on bridge,	,50	3,05

BENJ. F. MORSE'S BILL.

1850, Nov. 30,	70 feet Plank,	,70	
	6 hours work,	,75	1,45

JAS. H. KENDALL'S BILL.

1850, Aug. 26, and 27,	Cutting bushes in road in District No. 7,		1,50
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REUBEN STEVENS' BILL.

1850, Sept. 16,	Repairing highway in Dis. 16,		5,00
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JOHN HAZELTON'S BILL.

1850, May 14,	3 Chestnut Stringers,	,21	
	54 feet Elm Plank,	1,62	1,83

JOHN W. NOYES' BILL.

1850, Sept. 19,	1 lb. Powder,		,20
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SIMON M. SANBORN'S BILL.

1850,	579 feet Timber, a 1,	5,79	
	86 " do.	1,86	
	61 " do.	,61	
	2 Stringers 32 ft. long and drawing	9,00	
	5 do for dry bridge and drawing,	,50	
	14 days work a 75,	10,50	28,26

THOS. F. RAYNOLD'S BILL.

1850, Sept. 2, 4 & 5,	3 days work on bridge,	3,00	
	Expenses on said days,	,38	
	1 Stringer for bridge,	,75	
	14, 1 day on road near Stockman's hill,	1,00	
Nov. 22,	50 feet bridge Plank	,50	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on bridge in Dis. 5,	,50	6,13

BENJ. DAVIS, 2d.'s BILL.

1851,	Breaking out highway to steam mill,		6,56
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PORTER & HEATH'S BILL.

1850, June	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days work on steam mill road,	5,68	
Dec.	Work breaking " "	,64	6,32

ELIPHALET BROWN'S BILL.

1850,	To blasting stone near James Hook's,		,75
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\$102,86

Non-resident Taxes worked out.

1850, Dis. No. 6, Jona. B. Morse's bill for working taxes,	2,50	
" " 7, Benj. F. Morse " " "	1,42	
1848, " " 10, Elias True's " " "	2,00	
1850, " " 14, Asahel Weeks " " "	,44	
" " 15, Geo. Cammet, " " "	1,07	
" " 18, Simon M. Sanborn " " "	4,01	
On Manly Lane's list for 1850,	8'16	
On A. S. Dearborn's do. 1849,	4,70	24,30

Soldier's Rations.

1850, Sept. 18, Paid 42 Rations,	21,00
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Soldier's Bounty.**CAPT. WM. P. W. WHITEMORE'S BILL.**

1850, Dec. 12, 33 Soldiers a \$3 ea.	99,00	
Nov. 29, Daniel Porter 1 bounty,	3,00	
Dec. 25, James Towle 1 do.	3,00	105,00

Post Guides.**GEO. J. CHASE'S BILL.**

1850, April Making and painting 1 guide Board,	,50
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THOS. SEAVY'S BILL.

1850, May 8, 1 Guide Post and setting,	,67
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HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.

1850, Nov. 7, 1 Guide Post and setting	1,50	2,67
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State and County Taxes.

1850. Paid Edson Hill State Tax,	211,80	
Paid James H. Butter, County Tax,	294,09	505,89

Stationery.**HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.**

1850, March 14, Paid John F. Brown for blank book	
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JOHN W. NOYES' BILL.

1850, March 20, 3 Pen-holders and Pens	,9	
1 bottle Ink,	,12	
Sept. 3, 3 quires Paper	,50	
1 paper Sand	,6	
Nov. 19, 1 bottle Ink	,13	
1850, Jan. 27, 1 quire L. Paper	,20	1,10

J. O. ADAMS' BILL.

1850, March 30, 6 quires Surveyor's blanks	3,00	
Binding	,75	3,75

ROBERT MOORE'S BILL.

1850, April 30, 1 Tuck Mem. Book for Collector	,34	
1 bottle Red Ink	,10	,44

THOS. J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1850, Aug. 9, 4 Blanks for Check Lists		,40
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THOS. J. RAYNOLD'S BILL.

1850, April 8, Paid J. W. Noyes for Paper and Ink		,16
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JOHN F. BROWN'S BILL.

1850, March 27, 1 Tyler's Tax Maker	5,00	
	<hr/>	11,15

Hall for Town Meeting.**ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.**

1850, Dec. 26, Use of Hall the past year		15,00
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Postage.**ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.**

1851, Feb. 19, To Postage to date		1,47
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Hearse house and Grave Tools.**JAMES M. KENTS' BILL.**

1850, Sept. 21, 1 Pick	1,33	
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JOHN UNDERHILL, JR.'s BILL.

1851, Jan. 1, Taking care of Hearse and Tools,	1,50	
	<hr/>	2,83

School Money.

1850.	Paid District	No. 1,	130,29	
	"	" 2,	65,39	
	"	" 3,	87,85	
	"	" 4,	41,30	
	"	" 5,	31,01	
	"	" 6,	43,50	
	"	" 7,	51,94	
	"	" 8,	56,33	
	"	" 9,	28,11	
	"	" 10,	27,23	
	"	" 11,	33,72	596,67

Collector's Services.**MANLY LANE'S BILL.**

1850,	Collecting \$2,433,31 a 1½ per ct.	36,50
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School-house Taxes.**ASA WILSON'S BILL.**

1850, Oct. 8,	School house tax in Dis. 4,	50,00	
24,	do do do 4,	100 00	150,00

HAZEN MORSE'S BILL.

1851, Jan. 15,	Remittance of tax on land and stock wrong taxed in Dis. 4,	2,88
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FRANCIS HILL'S BILL.

1850, Dec. 25,	Remittance on land and stock wrong taxed in Dis. 4.	1,93
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MANLY LANE'S BILL.

1851, Feb. 19,	Remittance on Joseph Hoyt's tax wrong taxed in Dis. 4,	,32	
	Ebenezer Hoyt do do	,84	1,16

JACOB GREEN'S BILL.

1850, Dec. 25,	Remittance on land in Dis. 10 taxed in Dis. 4 (wrong)	,37
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156,34

The whole amount of tax assessed in School District No. 4 is

\$314,54

From which subtract the abatements and amount paid to building Committee

156,34

Leaves

\$158,20

Which has not been drawn from the Treasury.

Town and School Reports.**J. O. ADAMS' BILL.**

1849, May 5, Printing School Reports,	3,00	
1850, Mar. 9, do. Town do. 300 copies	18,00	21,00

Small Pox Sickness.**ALFRED S. DEARBORN'S BILL.**

1849, Nov. 30, 2 lbs. Brimstone	,10	
Dec. 11, 4 lbs do. 20c, 1 lb. Saltpetre 10c.	,30	
24, 2 lbs. Soap 16, 5 lbs. Brimstone 25c.	,41	
28, 2 lbs. Saltpetre 20, 10 lbs. Brim. 50c.	,70	1,51

DR. J. P. WHITEMORE'S BILL.

Paid agreeably to vote of Town, Oct. 8, 1850.

1850, Nov. 26 to 30 inc. 5 Visits and medicine to Mrs. Cowdrey & daughter, a1,00	5,00	
Dec. 1 to 13 inc. 13 do do do	13,00	
Nov. 26 to 30 inc. 5 Visits to Margaret Shirley	2,50	
Dec. 1 to 13 inc. 13 do do do	16,50	
2 to 14 inc. 44 do to Mrs. John Shirley	14,00	
Nov. 28 to 30 inc. 3 do to Henry Brown	1,50	
Dec. 1 to 12 inc. 12 do do do	6,00	
	48,50	50,01

Remittance of Taxes.**ALFRED S. DEARBORN'S BILL.**

The following persons on my list for

1848, Henry B. Underhill, Poll Tax	2,18	
David P. Shirley do do.	2,18	
1849, Joseph R. Lock, paid in Brentwood	1,60	
Henry B. Underhill	1,60	
James Jameson	1,60	
John Moore	1,60	10,76

MANLY LANE'S BILL.

The following persons on my list for

1850, John Adams, Poll Tax—gone west	1,72	
Joseph Morse do do. deceased	1,72	
Nathan Abbot do do do.	1,72	
Abner Clough, unable to pay	1,72	
Joseph L. P. Colby do do	1,72	
Ephraim P. Cole do do	1,72	
Edwin Perley, gone west	1,72	
Nathaniel Clark, Sandown, over taxed	,72	
Joseph Hoyt, Hampstead, wrong taxed	,20	
John Sanborn, Poplin do do	,32	13,28

JOHN WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850, Dec. 25, Over taxed on stock	,25
FRANCIS HILL'S BILL.	
Over tax on Real Estate	,57
GEORGE WELL'S BILL.	
Overtaxed on Real Estate in 1849 and '50	1,31
BENJ. UNDERHILL'S BILL.	
1851, Jan. 15, Poll Tax for 1850, over 70 yrs.	1,72
	<hr/> 27,80

Debts Paid.

John & True T. Lock's Note and interest	105,42
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Fire Hooks, Ladders, & Repairs on Engine,

Agreeably to vote of Town, Oct. 8, 1850.	
PETER HAZELTON'S BILL.	
1851, Jan. 11, Repairing and Oiling Engine Hose	2,50
JAMES M. KENT'S BILL.	
1850, Nov. 5, Cleaning and Repairing Engine	1,00
1851, Jan. 26, 63 lbs. Hooks and Bolts, 11c.	6,93
2 Hooks and Links for chain	,75
	8,68
JOHN P. ADRIANCE'S BILL.	
1851, Jan. 8, 53 lbs. best Coil Chain, 9c.	4,77
JACOB CHASE'S BILL.	
1851, Feb. 17, 2 long Ladders and 2 handles for Fire Hooks,	6,00
	<hr/> \$21,95

Term of Court.

JACOB CHASE'S BILL.		
1850, June	Getting petitioners for term of Court	3,00
THOS. J. MELVIN'S BILL.		
1850, June 12,	Cash paid Thos. Smith for 12 days for obtaining petitioners for term of Court	12,00
	Expenses,	5,00
	Cash paid John White for use of horse and wagon	2,50
		19,50
		<hr/> \$22,50

Agents, Sheriffs & Attorney's Services.

JOHN T. CUTTER'S BILL.		
1850, April 5,	Examining records &c. in regard to settlement of James Bagley	2,00

BENJ. FITZ, Jr.'s BILL.

1849,	Serving Pauper notice on Candia	3,18	
1850, March 8,	do do do do		3,18
			<hr/> 6,36

HENRY F. FRENCH'S BILL.

1846, Feb. Term,	Fee in Flanders vs. Chester ab't guide b'ds	5,00	
Aug. Term,	do do do do do.	5,00	
Dec. Term,	Sp. C. do. do do do.		
			and argument 10,00
1847, Feb. Term,	C.C.P. do. do do do.	5,00	
July Term,	S. C. do. do do do.	6,00	
Sept. Term,	C.C.P. do. do do do.	5,00	
Dec. Term,	S. C. do. do do do.	6,00	
1848, Feb. Term,	do. do do do.	5,00	
			Paid Clerk exam. records pauper case ,50
Sept. Term,	Entry and care of Peti. for dicon. highway,	1,25	
			Fee in do. 5,00
			Fee Rand vs. Chester 5,00
			Drawing petition for discon. 2,00
Dec. 4,	1 day before Road Com'rs at Chester	5,00	
			Horse, carriage and expenses 3,00
			Paid Clerk for copies and commission 4,50
1849, Feb. Term,	Fee in petition to discontinue	5,00	
			Paid Printer for publishing notice and petition for discontinuance 3,00
			<hr/> 81,25 89,61

Selectmen's Expenses.

ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.

1850, April 1,	3 dinners for Selectmen	,75	
	2, 3 do do	,75	
	11, 2 do do	,50	
March	Horse and wagon to Dis. No. 11	,50	
April	do do do do	,50	
Dec. 25,	4 dinners and two horse baitings	1,50	
1851, Jan. 15,	4 do do do	1,50	
Feb. 13,	4 do do do	1,50	
	19, 4 do do do	1,00	8,50

JACOB CHASE'S BILL.

1850, April 13,	Horse and wagon to Brentwood 12m.	1,08	
Nov. 11,	do do Exeter 18m.	1,62	
1851, Jan. 28,	do do Candia 8m.	,72	
Feb. 6,	do do Pembroke 15m.	1,35	4,77

AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.

1850, April 6,	Paid expenses while taking invoice	,17	
Aug. 23 & 24,	do do in Dis. 4	,33	,50

THOS. F. RAYNOLDS' BILL.

1850, April 10,	Expenses while taking invoice	,46	
	15, do to Derry	,17	
Aug. 22 & 23,	do while taking invoice in Dis. 4	,33	

Sept. 12,	do at Candia	,25	
	Horse and wagon to Candia	,80	2,01
HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.			
1850, April	Paid expenses while taking invoice	,62	
13,	do at Brentwood	,50	
23,	do Stage Driver for bringing book	,12	
	9 meals victuals for Selectmen	1,50	
Aug. 22&23,	Paid expenses in Dis. No. 4	,34	
Nov. 11&12,	Expenses at Exeter	1,50	
Dec. 30,	Paid J. S. Brown for administering oath	,17	
1851, Feb. 7,	Expenses to Pembroke	1,00	
	Paid Jacob Sawyer, for examin'g records.	1,00	
13&14,	Expenses at Exeter and fare,	2,00	8,75
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			\$24,53

Selectmen's Services.

HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.

1850 March,	Time and expense at Manchester to get town re- ports printed	6 77
14	1-2 day to organize the board	50
14	1 " preparing invoice book	1 00
15	1-2 " on pauper case (D. Seavy family)	50
22	1-2 " to hire Superintendent of Almshouse	50
April 1 and 2	2 " taking invoice	2 00
6	1 " " "	1 00
8, 9, 10, and 11	4 " " " and at D. Seavy's	4 00
	1 " " " omitted last year	1 00
13	1 " on pauper case at Brentwood	1 00
17, 18, and 19	3 " copying invoice footing &c.	3 00
20	1-2 " on pauper case, J. West	50
23	1 " making Highway Tax	1 00
24 and 27	2 " " Warrants	2 00
29	1 " finishing warrants and taxes	1 00
May 6	1 " making Town, School, State and Coun- ty Taxes	1 00
10	1 " copying taxes for Collector	1 00
15 and 16	2 " " " " and writing warrants	2 00
28	1-2 " on town business	50
June	Copying taxes into town clerks book	5 00
Aug. 22 and 23	2 day taking invoice in Dist. No. 4	2 00
Sept. 2	1 " making and copying school house tax	1 00
11	1-2 " on town business	50
17	1 " to pay soldiers rations	1 00
19	writing 4 warrants and 2 check lists	1 50
Oct. 5	1-2 day writing correct check list	50
Nov. 11 and 12	2 " at Exeter for town	2 00
19	1-2 " " Alms house	50
Dec. 9	1-2 " " " "	50
14	1-2 " to revise Jury box	50
25	1 " at Quiggs settling ac'ts	1 00
1851 Jan. 15	1 " " " " "	1 00
25	1-2 " on pauper case, Church family	50
28	1 " " " Moses Underhill	1 00
29	1-2 " " " Nelson Hills	50

Feb. 6 and 7	2	"	"	"	at Pembroke, M. Underhill	2 00
11	1-2	"	"	"	" Derry, Sally Aiken	50
13 and 14	2	"	"	"	at Exeter to get county money	2 00
19	1	"	"	"	Quiggs settling ac'ts	1 00
20 and 21					writing warrants and check lists	1 50
					paid Town Clerk of Lempster for certificate	25
24, 25, 26 and 27	3	1-2	days		writing reports for press	3 50
	1	"	"	"	with Auditors and expenses	1 25
	1-2	"	"	"	correcting check list	50 61 77

THOMAS F. RAYNOLDS BILL.

1850 March	13	1-2	Day	Organizing Board		50
	21	1	"	to hire Superintendent to Alms house		1 00
	22	1-2	"	on town business		50
April 1, 2, and 3	3	"	"	taking invoice		3 00
8, 9, 10&11,	3	1-2	days	do		3 50
	11,	1-2	"	on pauper case		50
	13	1-2	"	on town business		50
	15	1	"	to Derry on town business		1 00
22, 24&27,	3	"	"	making taxes		3 00
	29	1	"	" " and delivering survey-		
				ors warrants		1 00
May 8, 1-2 day				examining bridge,		50
28, 1-2	"	"	"	on town business		50
June 8, 1-2	"	"	"	to Alms house		50
17, 1	"	"	"	to D.C. Swain's to ex. oxen		1 00
July 9, 1-2	"	"	"	on School house business		50
25, 1	"	"	"	to enquire into damage done Mr. Taylor's horse and to examine bridge		1 00
Aug. 16, 1-2 day				to Alms house		50
22&23, 2 days				appraising School Dis. No. 4		2 00
26, 1-2 day				to examine road on complaint		50
Sept. 12, 1 day				to Candia on town business		1 00
13, 1-2 day				examining bridge		50
16, 1-2	"	"	"	road and bridge		50
17, 1	"	"	"	to pay soldier's rations and town business		1 00
21, 1-2	"	"	"	on pauper case		50
28, 1-2	"	"	"	to examine bridge		50
Oct. 5, 1-2	"	"	"	town business and pauper case		50
	1-2	"	"	to correct check list		50
	7, 1-2	"	"	to examine bridge		50
	25, 1-2	"	"	on town business		50
Nov. 22, 1	"	"	"	to look out for Alms house		1 00
Dec. 7, 1-2	"	"	"	on town business		50
9&10, 2	"	"	"	exam. records and road near Alms house		2 00
14, 1-2	"	"	"	revising Jury box		50
25, 1	"	"	"	settling bills at Quigg's		1 00
1851. Jan. 15, 1	"	"	"	"		1 00
Feb. 13, 1	"	"	"	"		1 00
	15, 1	"	"	at Alms house		1 00
	19, 1	"	"	settling bills at Quigg's		1,00
	1	"	"	with Auditors and expenses		1 25
	1-2	"	"	correcting check list		50 38,25

AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.

1850, March 13, 1-2 day				at Quigg's to organize		50
21, 1-2	"	"	"	to hire superintendent		50
April 1&6, 4	"	"	"	taking invoice		4 00
29, 1	"	"	"	making taxes and distributing war'ts		1 00
May 20, 3-4	"	"	"	"		75
July 9, 1-2 day				at Chase's on town business		50
Aug. 23&34, 2 days				taking invoice in Dis. No. 4,		2 00

	17, 1 "	to pay soldier's rations & other business	1 00	
Oct.	5, 1-2 "	correcting check list	50	
Dec.	10, 1 day	searching records	1 00	
	14, 1-2 day	revising Jury box	50	
	25, 1 day	at Quigg's settling town accounts	1 00	
1851, Jan.	15, 1 "	" " " "	1 00	
Feb.	13, 1 "	" " " "	1 00	
	19, 1 "	" " " "	1 00	
	1 "	with Auditor's and expenses	1 25	
	1-2 day	correcting check list,	50	18 00
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AUDITORS SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1851, March 1,	Paid John W. Noyes,	\$1 25
	" James M. Kent,	1 25
	" Osgood Richards,	1 25
		<hr/> \$3 75

CHESTER, March 1, 1851. We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen, and find the same correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

JOHN W. NOYES,
OSGOOD RICHARDS, } Auditors.
JAMES M. KENT,

DR. TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN WHITE, TOWN TREASURER.

Net expenses of the town farm establishment	\$275 06
Expenses of the poor off the Town Farm	90 46
Award to Land holders	58 98
Improvement on Highways and Bridges	102 86
Non-resident Taxes worked out	24 30
Soldier's Rations	21 00
Soldier's Bounty	105 00
Post Guides	2 67
State and County Taxes	505 89
Stationery	11 15
Hall for Town Meeting	15 00
Postage	1 47
Hearse House and Grave Tools	2 83
School Money	596 67
Collector's Services	36 40
School House Taxes	156 34
Town and School Reports	21 00
Small Pox Sickness	50 01
Remittance of Taxes	27 89
Debts Paid	105 42
Fire Hooks, Ladders and Repair of Engine	21 95
Term of Court	22 50
Agents, Sheriffs and Attorney's Services	89 61
Selectmen's Expenses	24 53
Selectmen's Services	118 02
Auditor's Services and Expenses	3 75
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\$2489 86	

DR. TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCT WITH JOHN WHITE, TREASURER, CR.

1851.		1851.	
March 1.		March 1.	
To paid Seletemen's orders,	\$1891 64	By Cash rec'd of Alfred S. Dear-	
To services as Town Treasurer,	10 00	born, former Treasurer,	\$600 84
To paid Auditor's services and Ex-		By Tax List for 1850, committed to	
penses,	3 75	Manly Lane,	1927 42
To paid interest on money bor-		By of State Treasurer, Literary	
rowed,	4 00	Fund,	39 59
To due from the Collector, M.		By of State Treasurer for Bounty	
Lane,	1083 98	paid Soldiers,	105 00
Balance in the Treasury,	80 04	By of State Treasurer, Railroad tax	66 98
		By of the town of Candia, for ex-	
	\$3073 41	penses of Widow Bagley,	37 68
		By of the town of Auburn for the	
		support of their poor,	162 25
		By for the support of Joseph Carr	
		in 1850,	7 74
		By on John Hazelton's note,	10 00
		By of A. S. Dearborn, for Rail	
		Road tax of 1849,	43 99
		By of the County for County Pau-	
		pers,	71 92
			<u>\$3073 41</u>

The amount of money received from the County was \$110 50, and fifty two dollars was paid to John Moor, of Raymond, for the support of Mary Ann Moor, and \$13.42 was refunded by Doctor J. P. Whittemore, which leaves \$71.92 as is credited.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER OWES THE FOLLOW-
ING SUMS.

1 Note to Joanna Crawford, dated May 27, 1850,	-	-	-	\$1045 67
1 Note to ditto. dated Sept. 2, 1850,	-	-	-	705 85
1 Note to John Currier, dated Oct. 23, 1848,	-	-	-	1256 10
1 Note to Amos Stevens, dated Jan. 20, 1848,	-	-	-	119 81
1 Note to Walter Basford, dated June 5, 1849,	-	-	-	99 64
				<u>\$3227 07</u>
Due for outstanding Orders,	-	-	-	347 84
Balance due School District No. for School House tax,	-	-	-	153 20
				<u>\$3733 11</u>

THE FOLLOWING SUMS DUE THE TOWN,

2 Notes against John Hazelton, on which is due	-	-	\$322 80
1 Note against William Hazelton, Robert Shirley, and Sam'l Hazelton.			128 01
There is due from the town of Candia for the expenses of Ephraim Davis			
sickness, now pending in Court,	-	-	115 18
Balance due from Alfred S. Dearborn, former Treasurer.	-	-	381 31
Due from Manly Lane for Taxes of 1850,	-	-	1083 98
Balance in the Treasury,	-	-	80 04
			<u>\$2111 32</u>
The Town owes more than is due the town.	-	-	1621 79
			<u>\$3733 11</u>

CHESTER, March 1st, 1851.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

JOHN W. NOYES, }
OSGOOD RICHARDS, } Auditors.
JAMES M. KENT, }

Superintending School Committee's Report.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Chester, for the year ending March, 1851, beg leave to report :

Human institutions must ever be characterized by imperfection, because this is the characteristic of those who frame, support, and control them. What we should aim at, is the highest practicable excellence. This would be attained in our common schools, if all the various parties connected with them performed their various duties, to the best of their ability. This point of attainment, it is well known, has not yet been reached in our schools, and the reason must be, that either the different committees, the parents, the teachers, or the scholars — or all of them — have failed to perform their duty. We believe that blame, in some degree, attaches to them all. Your Committee, whose business it is to superintend the schools, are conscious that they might have done better. It was their duty to visit each school at its commencement and its close. They have visited every school at least once, but in several instances they have failed to do it twice. For some of these failures they are, perhaps, worthy of censure. This neglect was owing, in one case, to the fact, that it rained so violently at the time appointed for the closing examination of the school, that one not under compulsion would hardly have ventured to expose himself to it by a ride or walk of three miles. In a second case, an event transpired of so much importance to those concerned, as to prevent, for the time, all thought of any thing else. And in a third case, the closing examination was set on the day preceding our public Thanksgiving, and the press of other engagements crowded the remembrance of this appointment out of our minds. The neglect in the three remaining instances, was owing to a failure of duty on the part of the prudential Committees, in giving us the requisite information.

And this leads us to say — having taken to ourselves a due

measure of blame — that we think the prudential Committees have been the past year, and are often times in fault. They are especially unmindful of the duty of giving proper notice to the superintending Committee of the commencement and close of the several schools. Information should be given to the superintending Committee, about one week previous to the opening and ending of each school. As long a notice as this is necessary, to prevent the interference of other engagements. A much longer notice is apt to be forgotten. Nor do we think that the parents are free from blame for the comparative inefficiency of our schools during the past year. We believe that every one of them, who has not taken an active interest in promoting the prosperity of our schools, is worthy of censure. It is the duty of each district to provide a neat and commodious school house. To do this, in some instances, would require the erection of new buildings. But the present buildings, by a very little expense, could be made much better than they are now. The services of a carpenter, for half a day merely, — the proper application of a little paint or white-wash, or even of soap and hot water, — the furnishing of a larger black-board, — a different arrangement of the stove and funnel, would, in a majority of our school houses, add much to their comfort and worth. In this connection we are happy to state, that in the Green district, during the past year, in the place of perhaps the worst school house in town, there has been erected one which probably combines more excellencies than any other.

It is again the duty of parents in each district to see that their children, so far as possible, are prompt and regular in their attendance upon school, and that they are furnished with suitable books. There has been great remissness in this respect, and it has operated to discourage the teacher, and to retard greatly the advancement of the scholars. Parents should also occasionally visit the schools, and in other ways manifest an interest in the teachers, and a readiness to aid them in the maintenance of order and discipline.

Nor do we think that the teachers have done so well as they might. We would be very gentle in our censures of teachers, for we know that they fill a very difficult situation, and are expected to perform their arduous duties for a small compensation. If any person needs to possess disinterested benevolence, a readiness to labor for the good of others, although his sole reward may be ingratitude, it is the instructor of our common schools. For perfect teachers there is demanded a rare combination of excellencies. They should be affable, yet dignified, mild, yet energetic and decided, full of kindness, yet never shrink from inflicting punishment when duty demands it. They should possess extensive knowledge, and yet be ready to reiterate the simplest truths, a thousand times if need be, until they are apprehended by the dullest capacity. They should be full of courtesy to the members of the district, and yet never

suffer their courtesy to degenerate into a lack of independence. Teachers should give themselves wholly to their work. They should possess a hopeful nature, that never yields to despondency ; a patience that nothing can ruffle, and an industry that can never be wearied. Indeed, the attainments and qualities which we admire in Newton, Luther, Washington, and Napoleon, would not be out of place in the teachers of our primary schools. But we do not ask perfection in our teachers. All that we can reasonably expect is, that they should do about as well as they can. And we think that instructors of our schools during the past year, might and ought to have taken a deeper interest in them. They should have striven much harder to inspire their pupils with a love of study. They should have taken greater pains to render the studies attractive. Had they done his two benefits would probably have been secured by it. First, the disorder in our schools, so much complained of, would have been remedied. Children revolt from absolute inaction, as nature is said to abhor a vacuum. If they do not study they will whisper and play. If they do not do their duty they will do mischief. But they cannot well do both. Let their minds be engrossed with their books and there is no room for wrong doing. A second resulting benefit would have been much more rapid progress on the part of the love of study which gives wings to the penalties, however severe, can not

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not attach any special blame to the teacher. We are disposed to think, judging from the past, that very few possess the requisite qualifications to fill the post which he occupied; and had he succeeded in the best manner, we should pronounce him fit for the leadership of an army.

The teacher of the summer school in the brick school house, did not possess the physical strength necessary to reduce to a proper obedience scholars who had run wild the winter before; and the gentleman who taught the winter school, although possessing qualifications which we doubt not would have enabled him to succeed admirably in many situations, yet in this place failed to secure what should be regarded as the indispensable requisite of every school—good order. Miss Williams taught summer and winter in the Webster district. In our judgment she did well. We regret to say that we were not present at the close of the only school taught in Hall's village, and cannot, therefore, express any opinion about it. We must make the same remark of the school in the Lane district, in the Knowles district, in the district near Poplin, and in the two schools of Capt. Rufus Moore's district. In the last two districts notice was not given us of the close of the schools. Miss Smith taught the summer school in the Borough, and is teaching the winter school with fidelity on Walnut hill, well sustained teacher.

in the Green district with all excellence. A week or two—it walk exactly in school was and.